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II. ASIA-AFRICA

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Pakistan: [The view is prevalent among army officers and police officials in the Karachi area that other changes may follow the apparently enforced retirement on 30 September of Lt. General Habibullah, Pakistani Army Chief of Staff. They feel that President Ayub probably supported General Musa, the commander in chief, against Habibullah for procedural reasons, but that he is still friendly with Habibullah and may give him a cabinet post. They also suggest that Musa may be removed in the near future and that Interior Minister Lt. General Sheikh may be given the governorship of West Pakistan or a foreign assignment.]

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DAILY BRIEF

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IV. SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

(Available during the preceding week)

Outlook for an Independent Cyprus. NIE 32.5-59. 6 Oct 59.

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ident Ayub presumably approved Musa's action against Habibullah primarily because he felt he must support the senior officer instead of the junior.)

[Army and police officers in the Karachi area apparently feel, however, that General Musa himself may be removed in the near future because of his difficulties with Habibullah. It is rumored that Lt. Gen. Bakhtiar Rana, now martial-law administrator for West Pakistan, may replace him. Habibullah remains popular with other army officers and seems still to be on good terms with President Ayub. There is speculation that he will be given a cabinet post or some other important assignment in about a month.]

Interior Minister Lt. Gen. Sheikh, one of the topmost military government leaders, may either be made governor of West Pakistan in late October and be replaced by the present commander of the Pakistani Air Force or be given a foreign assignment.]

(Some of these rumors may reflect the disappointment of individuals loyal to Habibullah, the envy of officers bypassed by Musa in his rapid rise, and the disdain felt for Musa by officers who consider him their social inferior. The existence of the rumors nevertheless indicates divisions of feeling within army ranks and uncertainties as to the stability of army and government leadership. These uncertainties may grow following the move of part of the government to Rawalpindi in October and the consequent separation of top officials from their offices in Karachi.)

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